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NEWSLETTER

Edition 9 – 2 July 2021

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Term Dates 2021

Term 1: 26 Jan to 16 April
Term 2: 3 May to 2 July
Term 3: 26 July to 1 Oct
Term 4: 18 Oct to 9 Dec

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It's the school holidays and hopefully you are all enjoying the time away from school. We hope you will be able to spend some time as a family, rest, recharge and enjoy this longer break.

We have a few upcoming events next term and are excited to share that are planning to make a Welcome Wall in our school and would love your help. We need words of welcome from your first language with the translation. Please email these to the office and we will collate them. PCS is proud of the many different cultures at our school and the Welcome Wall will showcase that diversity as well as become a wonderful way for visitors to be welcomed to our school.

Parent teacher interviews are also coming up on Tuesday and Thursday in week 1 of the new term. We encourage you to book in your times to see your child/ren's teacher on the Skool Loop app. Bookings will be available until Friday 23rd July. An email has already gone out with the instructions on how to use this app. If you missed it here are the instructions again:

- **Bookings will be available to be made from Monday 12th July through to Friday 23rd July.**

Bookings are made using our Skool Loop App selecting the "Interviews" button in the app (Download instructions are available under Notices). If for any reason you need to change/cancel your booking, please contact the office to do so ahead of time. Please ensure that you arrive promptly for your appointment to avoid missing your time slot.

- *Primary school interviews are 10 mins in duration.*

- *Intermediate + Secondary school interviews are 5 mins in duration.* You can book an interview with each subject teacher as you need to.

Unfortunately we will not have Ms. Nicole Kennedy-Smith or Mrs. Jennifer Truter available on these days, however if you do wish to speak with your child(s) English teacher, please email Ms. Nicole Kennedy Smith directly at Nicole.kennedy-smith@pcschool.co.nz to make alternate arrangements.

Please also remember that periods will be shortened during these days so your child/ren will need to be picked up by 2pm. Hot shots will still be available, but you must book ahead.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Daniella Verissimo

Board Of Governors Teacher Representative

Important dates - Term 3 2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
WEEK 1	26 Jul	27 **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 2-6pm** **School Finishes @ 2pm**	28	29 Newsletter 10 **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 2-6pm** **School Finishes @ 2pm**	30
WEEK 2	2 Aug **Franklin Netball** Year 5-6 **Oxford Pies** Order forms go home	3	4	5 **Franklin Netball** Years 7-8	6 **Fire Wise Truck Visit** Years 1-6 **Duke of Edinburgh Fundraiser** Mufti & Sausage Sizzle
WEEK 3	9	10	11	12 Newsletter 11	13 **PCS Cross Country** Whole School A&P Showgrounds
WEEK 4	16	17	18	19 **Leadership Day** Student Council, House Captains & Friend Supporters Periods 5 & 6	20 **Book Character Day** Gold coin donation **Primary Book Sale** **Leadership Day** Year 9-10
WEEK 5	23	24 **Geography Trip** Year 9	25	26 Newsletter 12 **North Group Cross Country**	27
WEEK 6	30	31	1 Sep	2	3 **Cultural Identity Day** Whole School
WEEK 7	6 **AIMS Games** Tauranga **Mock Exams** Year 10-13	7 **AIMS Games** Tauranga **Mock Exams** Year 10-13	8 **AIMS Games** Tauranga **Soccer MCS vs PCS** Year 7-8 @ MCS **Mock Exams** Year 10-13	9 Newsletter 13 **AIMS Games** Tauranga **Mock Exams** Year 10-13	10 **AIMS Games** Tauranga **Mock Exams** Year 10-13

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
WEEK 8	13 **Mock Exams** Year 10-13	14 **Mock Exams** Year 10-13	15 **Geography Trip** Year 10 **Mock Exams** Year 10-13	16 **Mock Exams** Year 10-13	17 **PET DAY!** **Mock Exams** Year 10-13
WEEK 9	20 **Mock Exams** Year 10-13	21 **Howick Museum Trip** Year 0-2 **Mock Exams** Year 10-13	22 **Boys Basketball** Year 5-6 **ACS Cross Country** New Windsor **Mock Exams** Year 10-13	23 Newsletter 14 **Leavers Morning Tea** Year 13 **Mock Exams** Year 10-13	24 **Pet day Rain Day** **Mock Exams** Year 10-13
WEEK 10	27	28	29 **Boys Basketball** Year 7-8	30	1 Oct **Leavers Assembly** Starts @ 11:45am **LAST DAY OF TERM 3** **School finishes @ 1:10pm**

• PET DAY 2021 - SAVE THE DATE

IT'S BAAAAAA....CK!!!..... Pet Day is coming this **17th September** for Year 1-6.

It is time to start thinking about your pet. This year we will be including dogs, cats, other domestic animals, chickens, goats, lambs and ponies/horses. Ewe don't want to miss it so mark it in your calendars and keep an eye out for more details to come.

We are extremely thankful to Mrs. Natalie Bylsma for agreeing to take over the organization of our Pet Day.

We are hoping to do a Spud-in-the-Bucket competition, so if you would be able and willing to donate us some seed potatoes, we would love to hear from you in the office! Give us a call on (09) 238 6449 or email office@pcschool.co.nz.

• NOTICE PERIOD

Just a reminder that if you need to withdrawal your child/ren from Pukekohe Christian School, we require one term's notice in writing. This is to enable us to effectively plan for the future.

The deadline for notices of withdrawal to be received for anyone wishing to withdrawal for 2022 is *Friday 1st October 2021*.
Notices are to be emailed to ros.phillips@pcschool.co.nz

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• PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews are a wonderful opportunity to find out more information or ask questions about your child's progress and experiences in the classroom. They are a voluntary catch up between yourself and your child's teacher.

Bookings are open and can be made using the Interview part of our Skool Loop App. Please ensure you diarize a reminder for your appointment to avoid forgetting.

• SCHOOL REPORTS

In the past, reports that have remained uncollected after the last day of term have been posted to parents. We advise that we will no longer be posting uncollected reports home and instead they will be available for collection from the office at the start of the following Term.

• SCHOOL DONATION

We introduced of an optional donation of $250 per student for 2021. Thank you to those families who have already donated. This is an optional donation as we appreciate that some families are not in a financial position to support us in this way. If you are able to donate $250 (or more) you can do so at any time throughout the school year and it is tax deductible donation.

Donations can be paid into the main bank account # 03-0406-0616956-000 with the reference 'Donation 2021'. A tax receipt will be provided.

• OXFORD PIES FUNDRAISER

It's that time again... Pie Time!

We are running our awesome Oxford Pie Fundraiser this term. Order forms will be going home in the second week of Term 3 for family, friends and even work colleagues to stock up their freezers and get their orders in for the delicious pies and treats all while helping to support our school.

• GALA COMMITTEE NEEDED

PUKEKOHE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GALA

Every year (except this year… thanks Covid), PCS holds a wonderful Annual Gala as our main fundraiser. We are needing a group of enthusiastic parents to come together and organize our Gala. We have a great basis for people to work from and it can be a great opportunity to get involved. As we are now at the middle of the school year, now is the time for the preparation to get underway, so if you have some time you would be able to dedicate and/or would be able to join our Gala Committee, we would love to hear from you! Please come and see us in the office or send us an email at admin@pcschool.co.nz.

• PCS HOT SHOTS—PARENT INTERVIEWS

Due to the earlier finish time of 2pm on the Parent Teacher Interview days, PCS Hot Shots will be available from 2-3pm (plus regular hours as per normal) for those that require it.

You must pre-book before Monday 26th July by contacting Yulia at okm8ok@gmail.com

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• WELCOME WALL

As Miss. Daniella Verissimo has mentioned in her welcome message, we are planning to create a Welcome Wall here at school. It will be a wall with greetings in all the languages that are represented by our families that belong to PCS. We would love to hear from you with suggestions of welcome words/sayings in your first language (with the translation please). Just send us an email at office@pcschool.co.nz.

We are considering locations for our Welcome Wall, but we think the wall of the Year 1 classroom would be an ideal place for everyone to appreciate it.

• SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Communication is a critical part of school life and we want to ensure we are keeping in touch with you!

Please see below all the options we have available for you to keep up to date with school goings-on! Our aim is to move away from email communication and have all our families utilising our other communication platforms. Please do investigate the options here to see which is best suited to you.

SKOOL LOOP APP

Skool Loop is our School App. It is a completely free app that you download from the App Store or Google Play and does everything from allowing you to report your child's absence to sending you an alert notification when there is a new school notice! Check it out today, it's a great App.

FACEBOOK FAMILIES PAGE

We have a dedicated PCS School Families Facebook page where notices and important information is posted. We strongly encourage those who use Facebook to join and enjoy photos of events as well as important notices and information.

NEWSLETTERS

We have a school newsletter which is distributed fortnightly. Newsletter links are emailed to parents/caregivers and are also available on our Skool Loop app. The newsletter is informative and helpful and also includes notices from local Clubs/Sports organizations as well as PCS news.

• PRAYER GROUP

As a Christian School, we have Prayer Groups for both our students and parents. These are a fantastic way for you to connect with both our school community and God in a relaxed social environment. Please join us if you can.

Parents Prayer Group - A parents Prayer Group is held on Monday mornings after school drop off. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet some like minded parents and pray. If you are interested, please contact Jenny Stewart on 021 400 851 for more information. All welcome.

PCS By the Gate Student Prayer Group - We have an wonderful student lead prayer group, PCS By the Gate, who meet each Friday at Morning Tea in Room 8B. This is a awesome opportunity for out students to come together and pray for matters that are important to them. If your child is interested, they can visit Room 8B on Fridays or chat with Sophie Vlaar or Jamin Kaur if they just want to know more.

• ACS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

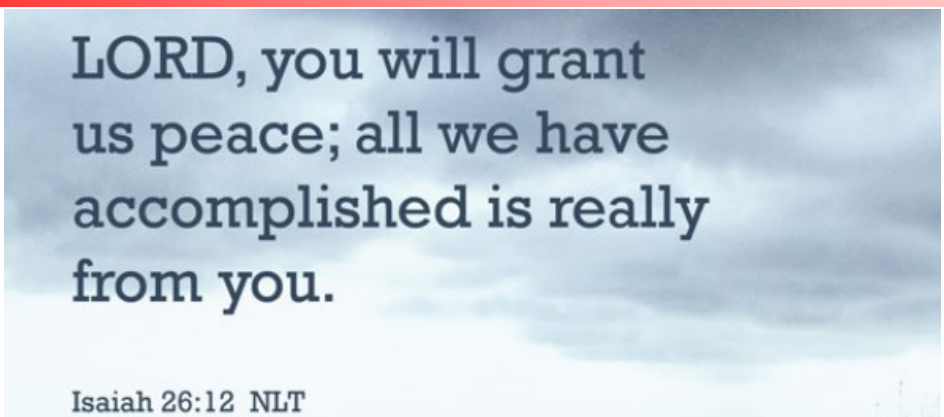
On a freezing cold, rainy Wednesday our PCS Netball girls had fun day playing some super awesome Netball. Our Year 6 & Year 9 teams both placed 2nd overall in the grade. Well done to you all!

A huge Thank You to all the awesome mums who assisted with transport and umpiring. Thank you also to the student umpires: Anna and Grace. This day will not have been a success without your support.

• CHESS TOURNAMENT

Our Chess Club students have been busy participating in various competitions around the local and greater Auckland region. Here are some photos of them in action.

• VERSE OF THE WEEK



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• FAMILY ZONE

Cyber safety continues to be in the forefront of our minds with the increased use of technology that comes with learning from home. In the midst of a pandemic, we know that children are even more vulnerable online during lockdowns. To protect all of our students, as a school we have partnered with Family Zone to ensure the online safety of our students while they are at school. We are fortunate to be able to extend this safety app for all our families to use at home and on students personal devices. As a school we have a policy that all school devices and all BYOD devices used on the school grounds, must use the Family Zone filtering system and app/program.

We need your support to help keep our children safe and so if you have not already signed up for Family Zone, please click on the link provided below and read the information carefully. The benefits to parents and their children are clearly outlined.

The school is able to provide a private Family Zone Premium account for every family who supports this initiative by using our link. The cost will be $20 per family for an unlimited number of devices, invoiced directly by the school. This is a very special school rate as the independent cost to a family would usually be $69 per year. This enables your child(ren) to be protected during school time and gives you the ability to manage their device access outside of school hours as well.

Device(s) outside of school hours are not tracked or managed by the school. However you can set up and manage your child's online activity ensuring it is appropriate to their age (out of school hours).

Sign up through the school hub: https://www.familyzone.com/pcs-school-nz. Any queries or setup problems can be addressed to our IT leader Neil Vorster, Neil.vorster@pcschool.co.nz, he will endeavour to provide instruction and training either during school time or by appointment.

All devices bought/used at school need to have Family Zone installed. Thank you so much for your support in keeping our students safe online.

• HEALTH & WELLBEING

With the winter months now upon us, please remember if students are unwell (with colds or flus included), they must stay home. Students with vomiting or diarrhea must remain at home for a minimum of 48hrs after their last incident.

For reporting absences, you can call the office on (09) 238 6449, email us at admin@pcschool.co.nz or use the Absentee function in our school Skool Loop App.

We have a wonderful pastoral service available to ALL students. Mrs. Pointon provides our Pastoral Care. We encourage you to contact Mrs. Pointon on Teams, or email her directly on tilly.pointon@pcschool.co.nz if your child needs support in any matter.

We also have a wonderful group of caring and willing students who are Friend Supporters and they are available to support students of all ages. Even if it is just to offer a listening ear during what has been a very challenging 12 months for many. Students can join the Friend Supporters in Teams to chat with someone or they can freely approach one of our Friend Supporters (learn more about them from the posters around the school) who will be more than willing to spend some time with them.

- **ADS & NOTICES**

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Mention that you are a PCS family
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We are currently at Alert Level 1.

For full information on Alert Level 1 visit:

https://covid19 govt.nz/

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BMX HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

FREE EVENT

FREE "Have a Go" Session for 8 - 14 year olds

Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th July
2 sessions: 10am - 12pm, 1pm - 3pm
(Save Date: Friday 16th July)

Sunset Coast BMX Club
80 Attewell Road, Puni, Pukekohe 2678

Learn the BMX basics from our instructors
We provide the bikes and all safety equipment!
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Visit www.cmsport.co.nz/ to register
or contact **Sharmeena Leatham**
E: SharmL@cmsport.co.nz **P:** 09 269 0066

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Don't forget to drop your Kantabs into the office!!

Check us out on *or* *@Pukekohechristianschool*

- **ADS & NOTICES CONTINUED….**

PCS HOT SHOTS
After school care

PRICE INCREASE NOTICE

$1 price increase from the Week1 Term3 as follows:

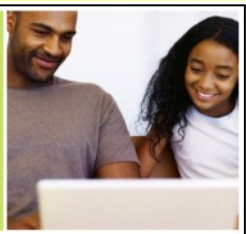
Casual booking
3pm-4pm $13
3pm-6pm $21

Regular booking
3pm-4pm $11
3pm-6pm $18

Wednesday Evenings
6pm - 8:30pm

Franklin Family Support
Community Hub
201 King Street, Pukekohe

To book or to find out more
Phone (09) 238 6233 or email
parenting@familysupport.org.nz



Parenting Toolbox For Teens

FREE 6 week course for parents of children 12 - 18 year olds

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Different parenting styles
Understanding your teenager
Having fun as a family
Managing emotional changes
Connecting with your teen
Setting family boundaries

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WINTER 2021 SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOPS

young at art

PUKEKOHE

Looking for something fun & creative to entertain your children these holidays?

Consider a Young at Art workshop!

PK1, ACRYLIC POUR ON CANVAS (8-16 yrs) Mon 12th July 2021, 9.00am - 12noon
Learn a variety of techniques to create your own colourful and abstract art on canvas.
Tutor: Anna Molineux HOME STUDIO **Cost: $50.00**

PK2, WINTER WONDERLAND (8-16 yrs+) Tues 13th & Wed 14th July 2021, 9.00am-12noon
Learn a variety of acrylic painting techniques to create your own personal art on canvas.
Tutor: Anna Molineux HOME STUDIO **Cost: $75.00**

PK3, KOI FISH WATERCOLOURS (8-16 yrs) Tues 13th July 2021, 1pm- 4.30pm
Learn a variety of watercolour painting techniques to create your own personal art on watercolour paper.
Tutor: Anna Molineux HOME STUDIO **Cost: $50.00**

PK4, PAPIER MACHE & BATIK DRAGONS (6 -16yrs) Thurs 15th & Fri 16th July 2021, 9am – 1pm
Sculpt, Papier mache, Batik and paint your own personal dragon puppet
Tutor: Niamh McNeilage HOME STUDIO **Cost: $85.00**

PK5, PAPIER MACHE HOT AIR BALLOONS (6-16 yrs) Tues 20th & Wed 21st July 2021, 9am -12noon
Papier mache, paint and decorate your own fabulous Hot Air Balloon!
Tutor: Maureen Goodison HOME STUDIO **Cost: $75.00**

PK6, WATERCOLOUR & PRINTING CITYSCAPES (6-16 yrs) Tues 20th & Wed 21st July 2021, 1pm-4pm
Learn watercolour wet on wet painting technique, design your own personal city image and learn how to print.
Tutor: Niamh McNeilage HOME STUDIO **Cost: $75.00**

PK7, WEAVING WOOLLY OWLS (6 yrs+) Thurs 22nd July 2021, 2021, 9am – 1.30pm
Learn how to weave a colourful owl, create a hanging branch and then decorate with craft materials.
Tutor: Maureen Goodison HOME STUDIO **Cost: $55.00**

FOR BOOKINGS OR MORE INFO:
www.youngatart.co.nz or admin@youngatart.co.nz
Mob No. 0297 712 923
HOME STUDIO, 117 Valley Rd, Pukekohe / Weta Workshop, Franklin Art Centre, Massey Ave

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Newsletters | Permission slips
Instant notifications | Absentees
Parent Teacher Interviews

Simple free download:
In Google Play & App Store search **'Skool Loop'** & choose our organisation once installed.

SKOOL LOOP

Here's some tips to ensure you receive notices and push notifications

- When you download the Skool Loop App you will be asked if you would like notifications please **tap yes**. Some devices don't ask this question and automatically tick yes for you. This can be changed in your settings
- If your notifications are turned off in your device settings, some phones apply that to all apps when downloading. In the phone settings please make sure your notifications are turned on
- Check your App Store or Google Play regularly for any outstanding updates
- There are 2 different notices school will send out: **push notification** (banner and ding) or a **notice** (visual alert only)
- You will only receive a push notification if you are not using the app at the time
- If your volume is off you will not hear an alert
- You will see a visual alert if a **notice** has been posted. You will not hear a ding
- You will only hear a ding if the school sends a **push notification**.

THE SKOOL LOOP APP

Seasons for Growth

Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death or big family changes. The next Afterschool programme starts in Term 3 2021 on Thursday 5th of August 4pm-5pm over 8 weeks, at St Andrews Church hall in Pukekohe . A Parent Programme is also running at the same time. An Adult Programme and evening Parent Group is being organised if you are interested in attending either of these groups. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton on 021 142 5812, office on 238 7228, or contact me at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info go towww.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE PCS THROUGH CHRIST

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- **ADS & NOTICE CONTINUED...**

FULTON SWIM SCHOOL

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Fulton Swim School have a great opportunity for those aged 16 and above - they are requiring more Swim Teachers in training at all of their Auckland pools - Patumahoe, Puni & Botany.

With lots of growth within Fulton Swim School at present they are opening up more classes and need to get trainees trained and ready to be teachers before they enter the busy season :)
Simple link to follow to apply here: https://www.fultonswimschool.co.nz/opportunities/

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Cambridge Revision Classes 2021

For the eleventh year, the Association of Cambridge Schools in New Zealand is holding Cambridge Revision Classes during the third term holidays (3-15 October). Nearly 1000 students attend these classes each year.

Who teaches the classes?
All classes are run by experienced Cambridge teachers who are currently teaching their specialist subjects at Cambridge Schools in Auckland. Teachers have access to the most recent and also historic information on their subject as well as reports and data from Cambridge examiners.

Class Information:

- offered at IGCSE, AS and A2 level
- all classes cover the Extended Curriculum
- the length of the classes are one to three days depending on the subject
- held at Auckland Grammar School
- 9.00am to 2.30pm each day

Class Prices:

1 day $80
2 days $160
3 days $225

Registrations can be made online at our website www.acsnz.org.nz

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